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1997/212 C. Elections to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council, appointments, nominations and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions

1. At its 44th and 45th plenary meetings, on 8 October and 16 December 1997, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The following ten Member States were elected for a term beginning on 1 January 1998: BELARUS, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, PANAMA, ROMANIA and VENEZUELA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of eight members from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States, three members from Latin American and Caribbean States and seven members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on 1 January 1998. The drawing of lots to determine the terms of office of members from these regional groups was also postponed until their membership is complete.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The following eight Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998: BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, HUNGARY, INDIA, JAMAICA, JORDAN and PAKISTAN.

GERMANY and LEBANON were elected for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

Appointments

COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

The Council extended the appointment of Maria Agusztinovics (Hungary), Dionisio Dias Carneiro-Netto (Brazil), Makhtar Diouf (Senegal), E. El-Hinnawi (Egypt), Just Faaland (Norway), Gao Shangquan (China), Patrick Guillaumont (France), Ryokichi Hirono (Japan), Nurul Islam (Bangladesh), Taher Kanaan (Jordan), Louka T. Katseli (Greece), Linda Lim (Singapore), Nguyuru H. I. Limpumba (United Republic of Tanzania), Nora Lustig

(Argentina/Mexico), Solita C. Monsod (Philippines), Bishnodat Persaud (Guyana), Akilagpa Sawyerr (Ghana), Klaus Schwab (Germany), Arjun Sengupta (India), Alexandre Shokhin (Russian Federation), Frances Stewart (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Lance Taylor (United States of America), Alvaro Umaña (Costa Rica) and Miguel Urrutia (Colombia) for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 1986/66 of 23 July 1986, endorsed the decision of the Secretary-General to approve the application of South Africa for membership in the Committee.

Nominations

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

ITALY was nominated for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

The Council postponed to a future session the nomination of one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

Confirmations

2. Also at its 44th and 45th plenary meetings, the Council confirmed the nominations by their Governments of the following representatives on the functional commissions of the Council:[1]

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Johann HAHLEN	Germany
Hector E. MONTERO	Argentina
William P. McLENNAN	Australia
Hallgrímur SNORRASON	Iceland

COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

LI Honggui	China

[1] See E/1997/L.1/Add.3-5.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Carmen HERTZ	Chile

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Geraldine Namirembe BITAMAZIRE	Uganda
R. Sonia LEONCE-CARRYL	Saint Lucia
Yoriko MEGURO	Japan

1997/316. Programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development for the period 1998-2002 and future methods of work of the Commission

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 8 October 1997, the Economic and Social Council, reaffirming the provisions of its resolution 1997/63 of 25 July 1997:

(a) Authorized the Commission on Sustainable Development to convene an organizational meeting in 1997 for the sole purpose of electing the new chairman and other members of the bureau of its sixth session, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council; the terms of office of the new bureau will begin immediately upon election and will end at the conclusion of the sixth session of the Commission, in 1998;

(b) Decided to extend the terms of office of those members of the Commission whose terms were to expire on 31 December 1997 until the conclusion of the sixth session of the Commission.

1997/317. Future sessions of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1997, the Economic and Social Council approved the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests that it carry out its work in three substantive sessions of up to two weeks each; that it establish in-session working groups, no more than two to be scheduled to meet simultaneously; and that the dates and venues of future sessions be as follows:

Session	Dates	Venue
Second session	24 August-4 September 1998	Geneva
Third session	February/March 1999	Geneva
Fourth session	February/March 2000	To be determined

1997/318. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1997, the Economic and Social Council took note of the decision of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests entitled "Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Forum".[2]

1997/319. Themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 1998 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council and for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of that session

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 29 December 1993, decided:

(a) That the high-level segment of its 1998 substantive session would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Market access: developments since the Uruguay Round, implications, opportunities and challenges, in particular for the developing countries and the least developed among them, in the context of globalization and liberalization";

(b) That the coordination segment of its 1998 substantive session would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action";

(c) That the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of its 1998 substantive session would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Advancement of women: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development".

1997/320. Postponement of consideration of a draft resolution on the question of the proclamation of international years

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the Economic and Social Council decided to postpone to its organizational session for 1998 consideration of the draft resolution entitled "Proclamation of international years".[3]

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[2] For the text of the decision, see document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/4 and Corr.1, para. 2.

[3] E/1997/L.32/Rev.2.

1997/321. Postponement of consideration of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixteenth session

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the Economic and Social Council decided to postpone to its organizational session for 1998 consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixteenth session[4] and to request the Secretariat to provide additional written information on the programme budget implications of those decisions.

1997/322. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1997, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1997/311 of 25 July 1997, decided:

(a) To continue its consideration of the agenda item on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227;

(b) To convene informal consultations in March and May/June 1998 to continue the review of subsidiary bodies of the Council mandated by the General Assembly in resolution 50/227 and subsequent resolutions;

(c) To take into account in this process the relevant parts of the resolutions relating to the reform of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-second session;

(d) To request the Secretary-General to submit a report on this question to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 1998;

(e) To request the Secretary-General, during the Council's organizational session for 1998, to be held in February 1998, to brief delegations on relevant issues considered at the second regular session of 1997 of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

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[4] See E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.62.